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Subject: Protecting green spaces and farmland

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Dear Councillors:

Thankyou for your decission to hold fast on the urban boundary. That decision is important and has far reaching benefits and future generations will appreciate.

Please follow through with this work. It is essential that appropriate densification is encouraged so that we can protect our farmlands and green space. We know that inflation, particularly with regard to our food, is increasing. Despite supply chain and war issues, climate change is playing an important role. We need to preserve our farm land. We know now how important green spaces are for mental health. Therefore we must protect our watersheds and forests and other natural green spaces, both for our own and for many other species.

It achieve this necessary densification within our existing urban boundary, please support your staff's proposals for changing official plans, both urban and rural. Please support inclusionary zoning to low density residential neighbourhoods and suitable types of housing that will increase density, while maintaining good livable neighbourhoods. Please make parks public. They do not belong only to those living beside them. They should not be transformed into sports fields, which limit other uses. Please support the protection of farmlands, watersheds, and natural areas.

As we have come to know the harms reflected in the term Anthropocene, please recognise that people are watching, and expecting that you will be vigilant and protective of our critical green spaces.

Take Care, Jim

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